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1. A JAPANESE CITIZEN (IDENTIFIED IN THE PRESS AS TAKAHASHI
TAKETOMO, AGE 42) SUSPECETED BY THE SWEDISH SECURITY POLICE
(SAPO) OF BEING A LEADING MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE RED ARMY
WAS ARRESTED ON JULY 12 IN A SUBURG OF STOCKHOLM. POLICE
SUSPECT THAT THE MAN MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANS TO DISRUPT
THE OPEC MEETING HELD HERE JULY 12 AND 13, AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF HIS ARREST WAS WITHHELD UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF
THE OPEC CONFERENCE JULY 13.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SWEDISH PRESS, THE RED ARMY HAS BEEN
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CLOSELY LINKED TO THE BAADER-MEINHOF GROUP ACTIVE IN SWEDEN AND
IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED THAT THE BAADER MINHOF-LINKED TERRORISTS
WHO HAD PLANNED TO KIDNAP FORMER IMMIGRATION MINISTER LEIJON
AND WERE ARRESTED IN APRIL (REFTELS) HAD ACTUALLY INTENDED TO
ACT DURING THE OPEC MEETING AND NOT ON APRIL 24, AS SAPO HAD
ORIGINALLY BELIEVED. ACCORDING TO A SAPO SPOKESMAN CITED BY
THE PRESS, INTERROGATIONS HAVE CONFIRMED THIS REVISED SCENARIO.

3. THE ARRESTED JAPANESE IS REPORTEDLY ON INTERPOL WANTED LISTS AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE OCCUPATION OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE IN 1974. HE WAS TRAVELING ON A DUTCH PASSPORT (FALSE OR STOLEN), AND HAD BEEN KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY SAPO SINCE HIS ENTRY INTO SWEDEN APRIL 10. THE OPEC SECRETARIAT WAS REPORTEDLY KEPT ADVISED OF THE TERRORIST'S PRESENCE AND THE GOS MAINTAINED UNUSUALLY RIGID SECURITY AROUND THE MINISTERS' MEETING.

4. THE NATIONAL POLICE BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED THAT TAKETOMO BE DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SWEDEN'S ALIENS ACT. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT, AS OF AFTERNOON JULY 14, SAPO IS WAITING FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUSPECT, THOUGH POLICE ARE SURE OF THE MAN'S IDENTITY. RADIO REPORTS THAT SUSPECT'S NAME IS ON A LIST OF KNOWN TERRORISTS WHO ARE TO BE AUTOMATICALLY EXPELLED FROM SWEDEN. DEPORTATION IS LIKELY WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.
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